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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendments were concurred in.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

 $\boldsymbol{A}$  motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 3, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for rollcall vote No. 3. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 3.

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 3, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, on roll-call No. 3, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to district business, I was unable to be present at votes that occurred today. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 2. H. Con. Res. 244, and "yea" on rollcall 3, H.R. 2130.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2990, QUALITY CARE FOR THE UNINSURED ACT OF 1999

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 7(c) of rule XXII, I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2990.

The form of the motion is as follows:

I move that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2990 be instructed (1) to take all necessary steps to begin meetings of the conference committee in order to report back expeditiously to the House; and (2) to insist on the provisions of the Bipartisan Consensus Managed Care Improvement Act of 1999 (Division B of H.R. 2990 as passed by the House), and within the scope of the conference to insist that such provisions be paid for.

### AIR QUALITY AND AIR POLLUTION IN THE STATE OF TEXAS MUST BE ADDRESSED

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this evening the environmental agency of the State of Texas will hold a meeting to address the question of air quality and air pollution in the City of Houston in the State of Texas. I rise to the floor to

ask my constituents and the State of Texas to take seriously the devastation that we have experienced with poor air quality. Many of my constituents are already suffering from a high degree of respiratory illnesses. Houston has been noted as the number one city with air pollution.

In addition, we have not come up with solutions that can address the concerns and remedy the problem.

Tonight, although I will not be able

to join my constituents in this meeting, I am pleading that we work with the Environmental Protection Agency; that we work with our State environmental agency; that we ask the governor of the State of Texas to join with us to expeditiously formulate a plan that will address the concerns that are devastating our community, poor air quality, poor health conditions; and that this evening we will have an open and vigorous debate and discussion that real solutions can come about at the meeting being held at the Houston-Galveston council tonight at 7:00 p.m. in Houston, Texas; and that we will realize that the Environmental Protection Agency is there to help and not to hurt; and that we will have a plan that will help to enhance the quality of life of all Houstonians in the State of Texas.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. PICK-ERING) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PICKERING addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

# THE TITANS ARE TRULY TENNESSEE'S TEAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. CLEMENT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because of a great game that took place last night that we know of as the Super Bowl that not only captures the hearts and minds of the people in the United States but worldwide, because football is definitely a worldwide sport.

I am from the State of Tennessee. I represent the 5th Congressional District, Nashville, Tennessee, that is known as Country Music U.S.A., the Athens of the South; but we also have something that we are awfully proud of and we just completed a stadium that Tennessee Titans, who used to be called the Houston Oilers, now play in. We are awfully proud of our team, the Tennessee Titans.

The Titans got their name from Nashville being known as the Athens of the South. We have a replica of the Parthenon in Nashville, Tennessee. So it seemed to make a lot of sense when we talk about why it was named Titans, because of Greek gods and Greek mythology. I might say that the Tennessee Titans rose to the occasion, and what a season they have had.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the American Football Conference Champion Tennessee Titans from the 5th Congressional District of Tennessee. The Titans finished their inaugural season at the Adelphia Coliseum in Nashville with an all-time best 13–3 record, and then went on to defeat their foes the Buffalo Bills, the Indianapolis Colts, and the Jacksonville Jaguars, Mr. Speaker, that you supported, in outstanding play-off games, becoming the undisputed champions of the AFC.

The Titans then completed the year with a 16-4 overall record, playing in the football world championship, the Super Bowl, for the first time in the history of the franchise. The entire Titan team is to be commended for their courage, strength, and valor in this inaugural season in Nashville. They have faced adversity over the years, but now they can truly say they have come home to Tennessee.

I also want to congratulate owner Bud Adams, along with coach Jeff Fisher and the entire Titans' coaching staff for steering this team to victory after victory, as well as the Tennessee Titans' fans for being named the best fans in the NFL.

Tennessee may not have won the Super Bowl trophy, but the Titans played their hearts out down to the very last second and made every Tennessean proud. The Titans are truly Tennessee's team. On behalf of Titans' fans everywhere, I want to thank the team for giving us the best season we could have ever dreamed of and for letting the world know that Tennessee is a force to be reckoned with both on and off the field.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to congratulate the St. Louis Rams. What a great season they have had. I want to congratulate Kurt Warner. He is not only the quarterback for the St. Louis Rams but a great man, with great character and great vision who led them to victory last night.

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I also want to say, on behalf of the people of Tennessee, we are pleased to have a professional football team in our great State. In a lot of ways, we thought Memphis deserved it a lot more than Nashville because Memphis had worked so hard for so many years to capture a team. It happened to fall our lot to have the Tennessee Titans, which we consider a State-wide team, not just a local or regional team. But the Tennessee Titans have truly shown that they have a lot of courage. They are going to have great years ahead of